Import of Rifampicin

3414. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifampicin, an anti-TB and Anti-Leprosy drug is allowed under OGL;

(b) whether it is also a fact that registration of requirement for import is meant for monitoring of international price and for statistical purposes;

(c) whether it is a fact that when this policy was framed, there was no indigenous production of Rifampicin;

(d) whether it is a fact that Rafampicin is now being manufactured in the country from penultimate stage;

(e) whether it is a fact that the import price of drug registered with your Ministry is around $ 155 per kg. and the penultimate is being imported at around $ 210 per kg.; and

(f) if so, on what consideration the import of the penultimate has been allowed for the production of this drug when there is a national loss of foreign and heavy burden on the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f) The matter is sub-judice and is pending in the Delhi High Court

Increase in the production of Drugs

3415. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the production of drugs has doubled during the period from 1980 to 1986;

(b) if so, what was the comparative production in 1980 and that in 1986;

(c) whether his Ministry has evaluated and reviewed the usefulness of 1979 Drugs Price Control Order which was put into effect with the approval of the Cabinet before announcing new measures; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and how the proposed measures would give relief to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Values of production of bulk drugs in 1980-81 and 1985-86 are as follows:

	(Rs. Crores)
1980-81	240
1985-86	409·12

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details are contained in the "New Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control & Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India", copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

Heera Process complex

3416. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has invited tenders for Heera Process Complex in Heera Fields and ICG Gas Process Complex in Bombay High South Fields;